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Preparations for the International Ministerial Meeting on Transit Transport Cooperation

The General Assembly,

Recalling the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[1] which recognizes the special needs and problems of landlocked developing countries and urges both bilateral and multilateral donors to increase financial and technical assistance to this group of countries to meet their special development needs and to help them overcome the impediments of geography by improving their transit transport system,

Recalling also its resolution 56/180 of 21 December 2001, in which it requested the Secretary-General to convene an International Ministerial Meeting of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation in 2003,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: preparatory process for the International Ministerial Meeting on Transit Transport Cooperation",[2]

1. *Welcomes and accepts* the generous offer of the Government of the Republic of Kazakhstan to host the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation;

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] See resolution 55/2.

[2] A/57/340.

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2. *Decides* that the International Ministerial Conference on Transit Transport Cooperation should be convened in Almaty, on 28 and 29 August 2003;

3. *Decides also* that the open-ended intergovernmental preparatory committee for the International Ministerial Conference will hold two sessions, that the sixth Meeting of Governmental Experts from Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Representatives of International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation, to be held in New York, from 23 to 27 June 2003, will serve as the first session and will address both substantive and organizational matters, including those relating to the election of bureau and format of the conference, and that the Senior Officials Meeting, to be held in Almaty from 25 to 27 August 2003, will serve as the second session;

4. *Decides further* that the intergovernmental preparatory committee should have a bureau consisting of ten representatives of Member States elected on the basis of equitable geographical representation;

5. *Designates* the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States as the Secretary-General of the Conference;

6. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the Conference, in close cooperation with the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and the World Bank, to organize all sessions of the intergovernmental preparatory committee;

7. *Requests also* the Secretary-General of the Conference, in close cooperation with the regional commissions, to organize intergovernmental regional and subregional meetings, where applicable, and decides that these regional and subregional meetings should finalize their work at the latest by April 2003;

8. *Invites* the Secretary-General of the Conference to make the necessary arrangements, on the basis of consultations with Member States, to facilitate the meaningful participation of civil society, including the private sector, in the preparatory process and the Conference itself in accordance with the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council;

9. *Calls upon* all organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and regional commissions as well as the international financial institutions, in particular the World Bank, to provide all necessary substantive and technical support to the preparatory process and organization of the International Ministerial Conference;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to submit a report, prepared in consultation with relevant regional and international organizations, for the consideration of the preparatory committee, no later than 15 May 2003;

11. *Requests also* the Secretary-General to continue to seek voluntary contributions to facilitate the preparations for the International Ministerial Conference and, in particular, the participation of representatives of landlocked developing countries, transit developing countries and the least developed countries in the intergovernmental preparatory meetings and in the Conference.

12. *Requests further* the Secretary-General, with the assistance of concerned organizations and bodies of the United Nations system, to launch a public

information campaign to raise public awareness of the objectives and significance of the International Ministerial Conference;

13. *Requests* the Secretary-General of the United Nations to submit a report to the General Assembly at its fifty-eighth session on the outcome of the International Ministerial Conference.